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TO : AD/RR

DATE: 8 February 1955

FROM : Chief, D/S

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Project No. 42.638, Soviet Trading Delinquencies

1. Attached is original and three copies of the subject paper.
2. This paper was prepared in response to a DD/P request for examples of (1) difficulties of trading with the Soviet Bloc and (2) the non-fulfillment of trade agreements by the Soviet Bloc countries.
3. The responsible analyst assembled and developed the available pertinent intelligence material in a competent manner. Had the requested deadline been several weeks longer a number of requirements could have been submitted in order to accumulate more background materials. In case DD/P plans to use the study in projected operations this information could still be accumulated.
4. As a research paper this project is a competent and unbiased report. However, it should be read in the light of world trade practices. The USSR is not the only country that suffers from trading delinquencies. It is also necessary to remember that this paper catalogs delinquencies only and that the USSR has had many trading successes. This paper may be properly used to point out Soviet trading delinquencies but should not be used to judge the capabilities inherent in the whole Soviet trade effort.

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